State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-seventh Legislature First Regular Session 2005

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2021

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2005 AS HEALTH CARE DECISIONS WEEK IN ARIZONA.

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Whereas, it is important for people to make health care decisions before they are needed; and

Whereas, health care planning is a process, rather than a single decision, that helps people think about the kind of care they would want if they become seriously ill or incapacitated, encourages them to talk with their loved ones and doctors and assists them in writing down their wishes; and

Whereas, advance directives give people the ability to document their wishes and identify the person to speak for them should they become unable to speak for themselves; and

Whereas, introducing these issues in community settings can help people begin conversations about their health care wishes with a family member, close friend, physician or faith leader; and

Whereas, Arizona has a number of local coalitions throughout the state that are working to involve individuals and families in health care planning through educational forums, discussion groups, speaker's bureaus and training; and

Whereas, several Arizona organizations representing health care providers, consumers and local coalitions have joined together to sponsor a week-long focus on health care decisions.

Therefore

- Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:
- 1. That Members of the Legislature proclaim the week of November 6, 2005 as Health Care Decisions Week in the State of Arizona and encourage all citizens to think and talk with loved ones about their wishes for medical care.
- 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Resolution to health care coalitions and organizations throughout Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 7, 2005.

PASSED BY THE SENATE APRIL 12, 2005.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 13, 2005.



Passed the House February 7, 20 0	5 Passed the Senate April 12, 20 05
by the following vote: 53 Ayes	by the following vote: 23 Ayes
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	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
	This resolution was received by the Secretary of State this 13 day of Quil, 2005
	at //:55 o'clock A M. Anice K. Brewer Secretary of State